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Sri A. J. ARUNACHALAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some of the municipalities in the State have been instructed to write off the house and profession taxes due from the distressed weavers of the State?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The attention of the Members is invited to the orders issued in G.O. No. 1036, L.A., dated the 25th May 1951, copies [a] of which are placed on the table of the House."

Tuberculosis Fund promoted by the former Pudukkottai State.

* 219 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Tuberculosis Fund promoted by the former Pudukkottai State has not been used for the purpose for which it was collected; and

(*b*) if the amount is too small for a separate institution, whether the Government will utilize the fund for adding a " Pudukottai Ward " to the Tiruchirappalli Tuberculosis Hospital buildings and reserve the same for Pudukkottai patients?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Priir to the merger of the Pudukkottai State with the State Government, the public of Pudukkottai had raised subscriptions amounting to Rs. one lakh for combating Tuberculosis. Out of this amount a sum of Rs. 15,000 was already spent on the construction of two wards for Tuberculosis cases in the Town General Hospital, Pudukkottai. In October 1952, the Government sanctioned the construction of an additional ward of 24 beds for Tuberculosis cases in that hospital at an approximate cost of Rs. 61,745.

" Does not arise."

Electricity supply to Jaggayyapet.

* 220 *Q.*—Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to extend electric power supply to Jaggayyapet?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU.—" ఈ విషయంలో ఎస్టిమేటు ఏమైనా తయారైందా? పని ఏమైనా ఇప్పటికి undertake చేశారా? అయితే అది ఎంత వరకు progress అయింది? ఎంత డబ్బుకు దీనిని ఎస్టిమేటు చేశారు?"

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" The estimate is under consideration."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 979 infra.